Launching of Technology Mission for IITs.

2040. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased o state:

(a) whether Government have launched some Technology Mission for IIT's;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when these missions have been launched; and

(d) the details of the objectives of launching those missions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Technology Missions in seven generic areas have been launched during 1993-94 in five Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore with the following objectvies:—

(i) To modernise these Centres of Excellence to enable them to play a leadership role in developing technology;

(ii) To assess and forecast technology requirements in the national context;

(iii) To undertake development of globally competitive/futuristic technologies together with Industry with the aim to achieve technological self-reliance.

An allocation of Rs. 60.00 crores has been made during the VIIIth Plan Period.

Feasibility report on gas-based plant in Oman

2041. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER be pleased to state:

(a) when was the pre-feasibility report (PER) for a gas-based joint venture Ammonia/Urea Plant in Oman submitted to Government;

(b) the cost of the above joint venture as per PER;

(c) whether the Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) has been submitted to Government; if so, the project cost as per DFR;

(d) if not, the tentative time for submitting the DFR and when the investment decision is likely to be taken by Government;

(e) whether the delay in finalising DFR is going to affect the cost estimate; and

(f) whether any project consultant has been appointed on $78 million fee; if not, state the actual for?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) The Pre-feasibility Report (PER) of the joint venture Ammonia/Urea Project in Oman was submitted to the Government in January, 1994.

(b) The estimated cost of the project as per PER was US $ 897 million inclusive of financing charges.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Detailed Feasibility Report (DER) is expected to be submitted to the Government by 31st March, 1996. The investment decision is likely to be taken by September, 1996.

(e) The delay in finalisation of DER, on account of selection of consultant and finalisation of Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) bids, is not expected to have substantial impact on the project cost estimates.

(f) A total of eight consultancy contracts have been awarded for Site Studies, Market Study, Engineering Assistance, DER Preparation and Financial Advisory Service at a total cost of about US $ 1.5 million.